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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims

Cancel claim 1.

Add the following new claims.

--31. (New) An implantable medical stent containing a cobalt alloy.

32. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim 31, wherein the implantable medical stent has a diameter of from one millimeter to 20 millimeters. *.1-2 cm*

33. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim 31, wherein the implantable medical stent has a diameter of from three millimeters to four millimeters. -3-4 cm

34. (New) The implantable medical stent of claim 31, wherein the implantable medical stent is a balloon expandable implantable medical stent.

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